

WHAT WE CLAIM IS:

1. A method for preventing an execution of unauthorized software on a computer, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) instructing a dispatcher to invoke a validation routine when a user process on the computer attempts to create a new process;
- (b) determining whether to allow or block a process creation based on comparison with a list of authorized programs; and
- (c) providing a default handling for the attempt in response to the determination.